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SUBJECT: THIRD COMMITTEE--ITEM 75, DECADE FOR WOMEN

1. SUMMARY. GENERAL DEBATE ON THE DECADE FOR WOMEN GOT UNDERWAY DEC 3 AND CONTINUED DEC 6 AND 7 AND WILL BE COMPLETED WED, DEC 8. THE US STATEMENT (POUCHED IO/IWP BONILLA) WAS DELIVERED DEC 7 BY MRS. ERSAT POSTON, ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE. STATEMENTS OF INTEREST INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED MOVE OF WOMEN'S SECTION TO VIENNA AND REITERATION BY AMB HOVEYDA (IRAN) OF OFFER TO HOST THE INSTITUTE AND OFFER TO PROVIDE \$1 MILLION TOWARDS ITS ESTABLISHMENT. BULGARIA FORMALLY WITHDREW ITS OFFER TO SERVE AS HOST FOR THE 1980 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE, TAKING NOTE THAT IRAN HAS ALSO OFFERED TO HOST THE CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN A LARGE NUMBER OF SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM, VERY FEW HAVE COMMENTED ON THE SPECIFIC ISSUES AND PROPOSALS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. FEWER STILL HAVE PLEDGED FUNDS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UN INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT AND TRAINING OF WOMEN OR FOR THE VOLUNTARY FUND. THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOSTING THE INSTITUTE AND ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THEY ALSO OFFERED THE SUM OF \$150,000 AND STATED THAT THE CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE MADE EVEN IF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WERE NOT CHOSEN AS HOST FOR THE INSTITUTE.

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WE WERE INFORMED BY THE IRANIAN DELEGATE THAT THE

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS DECIDED NOT TO PURSUE ITS OFFER TO HOST THE INSTITUTE AND THAT THEY WILL SUPPORT THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ENDORSEING IRAN AS THE SITE.

3. AMB HOVEYDA DELIVERED A STATEMENT REPEATING IRAN'S OFFER TO SERVE AS THE SITE OF THE INSTITUTE AND RE-AFFIRMING THE IRANIAN OFFER TO CONTRIBUTE \$1 MILLION TO THE EXPENSES OF ESTABLISHING THE INSTITUTE. SEVERAL SPEAKERS HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL SUPPORT THE IRANIAN OFFER TO HOST THE INSTITUTE.

4. SO FAR, ONLY ONE DELEGATION, DENMARK, HAS STATED THAT IT IS NOT IN FAVOR OF CREATION OF AN INSTITUTE ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT WILL DUPLICATE WORK BEING DONE ELSEWHERE. THEY STATED THAT ONLY REGIONAL INSTITUTES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND NOTED THAT IRAN HAS ALREADY BEEN CHOSEN AS THE SITE FOR THE ESCAP INSTITUTE.

5. WITH RESPECT TO THE VOLUNTARY FUND THERE HAD BEEN VERY LITTLE COMMENT AND NO OFFERS OF CONTRIBUTIONS. THE DANISH DELEGATE SUGGESTED THAT AS THE FUND WAS ESTABLISHED FOR THE IWY CONFERENCE, THE MONEY IN THE FUND SHOULD BE USED TOWARDS THE 1980 CONFERENCE AND NOT FOR ANY OTHER PROPOSE. EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL PROGRAMS AND SEMINARS WAS EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS INCLUDING LIBYA, SWAZILAND, AND PERU.

6. COMMENTS BY THE PHILIPPINES, MEXICO AND JAMAICA ON THE PROJECTED TRANSFER OF THE WOMEN'S SECTION TO VIENNA HAVE BEEN REPORTED SEPTEL. ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OPPOSING OR QUESTIONING THE MOVE WERE MADE BY INDONESIA AND DENMARK, THE LATTER STATING CLEARLY THAT THEY WERE OPPOSED TO THE MOVE FROM NY. TANZANIA NOTED THAT MANY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE NOT REPRESENTED IN VIENNA AND SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE THE "DEMISE OF THE DECADE."
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